

MINUTES OF THE H. P. DEER COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 10, 2014

The Hollywood Park Deer Committee met in a regular session March 10, 2014 at 7:05 p.m. in Town Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Laws.

Committee Chairman Jeff Doss called the meeting to order. Committee Members present: Nancy Swan, Carol Ingham, Michael Crevoisier, Arnold English, Barbara Schmitz, and Committee Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery. Markham Benn and Tonya Cummings were absent.

CONSENT ITEM:

Review and approve Deer Committee meeting Minutes for February 10, 2014. Carol Ingham made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Larry Morris. The motion passed unanimously.

WILDLIFE INCIDENT REPORTS:

One Wildlife Incident Report was submitted; Total **Dead: 1**; 1 buck. A question arose regarding the removal and submission of lymph nodes for CWD to Texas A&M Vet Diagnostic Lab. LuAnn Montgomery responded by stating our desire to collect the lymph nodes during deer slaughter and volunteered to do so; however, if that cannot be arranged, Hollywood Park has a minimal number to collect for year 2014 to maintain preferred status with TPW. It is assumed there would be no difficulty obtaining them from the community deads as long as the Deer Committee was notified by HPPD and residents. Arnold English made a motion to approve the Wildlife Incidents Reports. The motion was seconded by B. Schmitz. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

None

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None

ACTION ITEMS:

1. *Review, discuss and take possible action on recommendation for Deer Caution signs in Hollywood Park.*

Nancy Swan passed out sample deer warning signs created by her husband, David. David had also checked with vendors and with City of Hollywood Park Public Works staff member who said they would install the signs while another city representative also stated there was no law regulating the deer caution signs being attached to pre-existing speed limit signs. Deer Committee member, Tonya Cummings had made a presentation to H.P. EDC during their last scheduled meeting requesting funds for the sign expense with the response of no commitment at the present time. Due to a death in the family, she was unable to attend tonight's meeting to discuss the matter further. A reported comment was made during EDC meeting that they may consider funding the project, but the issue and request must still be presented to City Council to include information on installation and cost specifics. Further discussion among members was the desired number of signs erected throughout the community with a minimum of one for each of the seven entrances to Hollywood Park and a maximum of approximately 14 more strategically placed in high deer traffic areas and locations with increased number deer/vehicle incidents. City Council representative, Chris Fails expressed concern of too many signs cluttering the ambience of the community due to an increase of bicycle route signs that will also be added to streets. He suggested the smaller secondary signs could be utilized with speed zone signs throughout the inner roadways while the larger rectangular signs sporting the smaller secondary signs being placed at the community's entrances. This action item was recommended to be tabled for future discussion. Committee members left with the task of reviewing the material Nancy & David Swan and Larry Morris provided to prepare for further discussion and voting when addressing this issue on the agenda of the next meeting.

2. *Review, discuss and take possible action on the results from H.P. deer trapping.*

Although Deer Manager, Michael Mayfield was not present, he again had requested no outside participation from H.P. Deer Committee members during trapping events. From the three trap locations, records indicate the numbers of deer that had been captured for delivery to slaughter and process is as follows:

Trap Trip #1	0
Trap Trip #2	1 yearling buck
Trap Trip #3	7 deer of various gender/age
Trap Trip #4	7 deer (doe majority)

Trap Trip #5

11 deer of various gender/age

An increase of corn placed at the traps to lure the animals in to feed was verified by Deer Committee Chairman, Jeff Doss and accompanying member, Larry Morris. Mayfield stated March 11, 2014 would be the last day of trapping this season in Hollywood Park, whether the budgeted 40 deer had been captured for slaughter or not. Some committee members disagreed and recommended the trapping continue until all 40 deer have been removed or until the end of deer season, March 31. Mayfield continued, saying the bucks are beginning to drop their antlers and it's becoming increasingly difficult to distinguish the higher grade animals for safe keeping in the community, as residents have requested. The discussion was tabled until a report from Chairman, Jeff Doss' meeting with Mayor Ortega regarding deer manager contract commitments.

3. ***Review, discuss and take possible action on H.P. Spring Deer Survey.***

A recommended date for the Spring Deer Survey is Tues., May 6, 2014 at 6:30 pm. As with all previous surveys, all participants meet at H.P. City Hall parking lot with routes dispersed to each 2-3 manned vehicle, which will adhere to traveling the selected route, document the count of each white tail deer seen and return to City Hall with the completed records. A motion was made by B. Schmitz this date be accepted for Spring Survey. The motion was seconded by L.A. Montgomery. The motion passed unanimously.

4. ***Review, discuss and take possible action on the disposition and/or collection of antlers from expired bucks.***

A discussion surrounding the collection and/or disposition of antlers from expired bucks was to be held; However, Tonya Cummings is absent. She had volunteered to research this concerning issue and bring information back to the committee; therefore a motion was made by C. Ingham this agenda item be tabled until the following meeting. The motion was seconded by A. English. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDERATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE DEER MEETINGS:


1. Review, discuss and take possible action on recommendation for Deer Crossing signs in Hollywood Park.
2. Review, discuss and take possible action on the results from H.P. deer trapping.
3. Review, discuss and take possible action on the disposition and/or collection of antlers from expired bucks.

The schedule for the next H.P. Deer Committee Meeting was set for May 6, 2014. Larry Morris made a motion to accept the next meeting schedule/agenda and adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by B. Schmitz. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNED:

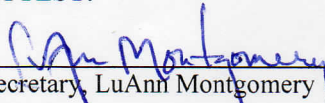
Chairman, Jeff Doss adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED ()
CORRECTED () THIS 14 DAY OF April, 2014.



Chairman, Jeff Doss

ATTEST:



Secretary, LuAnn Montgomery

City Attorney